

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Call to Order: Vice Chair Bob Brown, on March 14, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 152
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Kelly Flynn, Chair (R)
Rep. Bob Brown, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Bridget Smith, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Zach Brown (D)
Rep. Virginia Court (D)
Rep. George G. Kipp III (D)
Rep. Jean Price (D)
Rep. Matt Regier (R)
Rep. Adam Rosendale (R)
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)
Rep. Tom Welch (R)
Rep. Kerry White (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Tom Jacobson (D)
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)
Rep. Denley M. Loge (R)
Rep. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jessica Riffel, Committee Secretary
Hope Stockwell, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 575, 3/7/2017; SB 111, 3/7/2017; SJ 8, 3/7/2017

HEARING ON SB 111

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:00 Sen. Keith Regier (R), SD 3, opened the hearing on SB 111, Provide that it is unlawful to feed wild turkeys.

EXHIBIT(fih53a01)

00:04:46 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy joined the meeting

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:58 Quentin Kujala, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

EXHIBIT(fih53a02)

00:08:47 Mayor Michael Schoenike, Red Lodge

00:11:08 Jeff Herbert, Montana Sportsmen Alliance (MSA)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:12:06 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon

00:13:50 Ben Lamb, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:14:40 Rep. Vinton
00:15:22 Quentin Kujala, FWP
00:15:51 Rep. Vinton
00:16:05 Sen. K. Regier
00:16:14 Rep. White
00:16:41 Quentin Kujala, FWP
00:16:51 Rep. White
00:17:24 Ben Lamb, MWF
00:18:21 Rep. Flynn
00:18:51 Sen. K. Regier
00:19:20 Rep. Flynn
00:19:50 Quentin Kujala, FWP
00:21:23 Rep. Court
00:22:15 Quentin Kujala, FWP
00:23:07 Vice Chair Brown
00:23:37 Quentin Kujala, FWP
00:24:39 Rep. C. Knudsen joined the meeting
00:24:51 Rep. Flynn
00:25:36 Sen. K. Regier
00:26:18 Rep. M. Regier
00:26:32 Sen. K. Regier

Closing by Sponsor:

00:26:57 Sen. K. Regier

00:28:42 Rep. Flynn resumes the Chair

HEARING ON SJ 8

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:29:17 Sen. Mike Phillips (D), SD 31, opened the hearing on SJ 8, Joint Resolution urging Wyoming to discontinue artificial feeding of elk.

00:31:53 Rep. Loge joined the meeting

Proponents' Testimony:

00:37:44 Jeff Herbert, Montana Sportsmen Alliance (MSA)

00:38:26 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon

00:40:07 Ben Lamb, National Wildlife Federation, Montana Wildlife Federation (NWF) (MWF)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:43:08 Quintin Kujala, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:43:40 Rep. C. Knudsen

00:44:11 Quentin Kujala, FWP

00:45:00 Rep. White

00:46:29 Sen. Phillips

00:48:04 Rep. White

00:50:52 Quentin Kujala, FWP

00:52:02 Chair Flynn

00:52:23 Sen. Phillips

00:53:02 Rep. Shaw

00:54:55 Rep. B. Brown

00:55:38 Quentin Kujala, FWP

Closing by Sponsor:

00:57:37 Sen. Phillips

HEARING ON HB 575

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:01:22 Rep. Denley Loge (R), HD 14, opened the hearing on HB 575, Revise laws related to use of fishing access sites and wildlife management areas.

EXHIBIT(fih53a03)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:06:02 Mike Volesky, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

01:11:46 Erik Bryson, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

01:12:51 Brian Ohs, Montana Trout Unlimited (MTU)

01:13:59 Ben Lamb, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

01:14:39 Amber Burch, Montana Weed Control Association (MWCA)

01:16:41 Jeff Barber, Clark Fork Coalition

01:19:13 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon

01:21:38 Jess Herbert, Montana Sportsmen Alliance (MSA)
01:21:54 Rep. Jacobson joined the meeting

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:23:44 Rep. Regier
01:24:58 Rep. Loge
01:25:13 Rep. Knudsen
01:26:43 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
01:27:12 Rep. Court
01:27:36 Rep. Loge
01:27:58 Hope Stockwell, LSD
01:28:27 Rep. Court
01:29:43 Rep. Loge
01:30:04 Rep. B. Brown
01:31:28 Rep. Loge
01:31:53 Chair Flynn
01:42:27 Mike Volesky, FWP
01:42:52 Hope Stockwell, LSD
01:49:24 Chair Flynn
01:49:39 Hope Stockwell, LSD
01:50:04 Mike Volesky, FWP
01:50:56 Rep. Welch
01:51:26 Hope Stockwell, LSD
01:51:57 Rep. Welch
01:52:52 Mike Volesky, FWP
01:53:11 Rep. Court
01:54:14 Mike Volesky, FWP
01:55:01 Rep. B. Smith
01:55:48 Mike Volesky, FWP
01:55:56 Rep. Rosendale
01:56:15 Rep. Loge
01:56:18 Rep. Rosendale
01:56:29 Hope Stockwell, LSD
01:57:16 Rep. Price
01:58:12 Hope Stockwell, LSD
01:58:21 Rep. Price
01:59:03 Mike Volesky, FWP
02:00:17 Rep. C. Knudsen
02:01:14 Mike Volesky, FWP
02:01:18 Rep. Z. Brown left the meeting

Closing by Sponsor:

02:02:28 Rep. Loge

02:06:08 Rep. White

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:07:14

Jessica Riffel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fih53aad.pdf](#))